



animal trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1928.

This early 4-H Club experience made up his mind to become a dedicated Agricultural Extension worker and he attended the Utah State Agricultural College the fall of 1930, graduating with honors in June, 1934. While in college he was a member of the college stock judging team and was high-point individual at the national college contest at Denver in 1932.

He married Virginia Buys in the Salt Lake Temple on May 1, 1935. Virginia had the misfortune to lose her right leg in an automobile accident on a high school field day at Morgan on May 3, 1929. Her charming personality and determination to make her life still useful has won the admiration of everyone of her acquaintance. She has reared four children, Sybil, Joseph Russell, Bruce Buys and Virginia Florence; has kept her own house neat and attractive, and has participated in many Church and community activities.

Joseph was appointed county agricultural agent in Garfield County, Utah, on January 1, 1936, becoming the first 4-H Club boy in Utah to become an agricultural agent.

In 1942-43 he took sabbatical leave and secured a master's degree in animal husbandry at Texas A. and M. In February of 1945 he accepted appointment as livestock specialist for the state of Washington. While serving the livestock interests of this state he acted as secretary of the Washington Cattlemen's Assn., initiated the beef cattle record of performance program, bull grading, sheep shearing schools and horsemen's field days.

He returned to county agent work and took up residence in Salinas, California, in January, 1950, as farm advisor in Monterey County. In September, 1957, he was

transferred to Contra Costa County, California, with residence at Walnut Creek.

While at Salinas, his family became well integrated into Church and community activities. Joseph served as a member of the Salinas Ward bishopric five years, was president of the Salinas Exchange Club, and a committee member of the famous Salinas, California, rodeo, managing the first night parade event in several years.

His son, Joseph Russell Muir, was elected student body president of the Salinas Union High School, was awarded the American Legion award for outstanding leadership, and spent the summer of 1956 in Austria as an exchange student. He entered the army for a six months' tenure and enrolled in Brigham Young University in January, 1958. His two sons, Joseph Russell and Bruce Buys, filled missions in Finland and Mexico, respectively.

Joseph Muir has become well known nationally as a journalist, writing many articles for farm and livestock publications and writing weekly columns the past 28 years for the Western Livestock Journal, The Farm Quarterly, The Salinas Californian, and Garfield County News.

He was promoted to a full professorship at the University of California in 1953. During the summer of 1957 he attended summer school at Cornell University in New York and began preparations toward gaining his doctorate in animal husbandry.

GEORGE L. AND AGNES IRINDA THOMAS MUIR

George L. Muir was born February 16, 1867, at Heber, son of George and Christina Howie Lindsay Muir. He married Irinda Thomas on January 1, 1889, at Center Creek, Wasatch County. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were parents of eight children, three of whom are living: Maggie (Mrs. James Anderson), William P. and Daniel Muir. George died May 15, 1944, at Heber. Irinda died July 9, 1958. Maggie, since this article was written, on August 25, 1961.

George was a miner, farmer and stock raiser. They lived a good life and were very devoted to their family and friends. Their hospitality was an outstanding quality that everyone enjoyed.